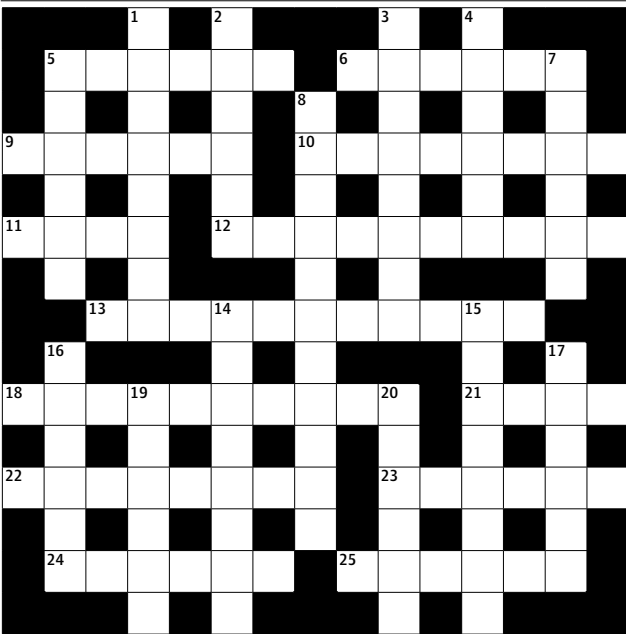


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,347 set by Rufus

Across

- 5 Undirected commercial break (6)
- 6 A ship taking trouble in attack (6)
- 9 Left in carriage and pair (6)
- 10 In theory he wants the best (8)
- 11 Such a twist of fate can't be described as hard cheese (4)
- 12 Show how a student may be financed (10)
- 13 Feel very low about tropical disease (6,5)
- 18 Clare Short's sort of music? (10)
- 21 One rejecting a knight's title? It's a bloomer! (4)
- 22 It brings about a military rising (8)
- 23 Subject in a stiff examination? (6)
- 24 Very strange verse on love (4,2)
- 25 Present is perfect ring to wife (6)

Down

- 1 Flight path of early aircraft (8)
- 2 Spent two notes at gala (6)
- 3 Collect up jumble in efficient fashion (8)

- 4 One may take this battle formation (6)
- 5 Worshipped bustle and colour (6)
- 7 An example of reduced activity? (6)
- 8 A light sleeper, always arriving late for his job (5,6)
- 14 No energy and lacking any inclination? (8)
- 15 Move to a new country home (8)
- 16 Suffer changing rig with first mate (6)
- 17 Fitting task for a puzzle enthusiast? (6)
- 19 Carried out shoe repairs as listed (6)
- 20 Lapped and beaten (6)

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